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F.O. 12065: GDS 3/18/85 (TAYLOR, JAMES E.) OR-P

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SUBJECT: AFGHAN MEDIA REPORTS 3,000 AFGHANS KILLED IN IRAN

1. (C) SUMMARY: AFGHANISTAN'S CONTROLLED MEDIA REPORTS THAT 3,000 AFGHANS HAVE BEEN KILLED IN IRAN. SENSATIONAL ASPECTS OF STORY REFLECT THE KHALQI REGIME'S ACCUSATIONS THAT IRANIAN GOVERNMENT IS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN OUTBREAK OF ANTI-REGIME VIOLENCE IN HERAT. END SUMMARY.

2. (LOU) ON MARCH 17, THE GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED AFGHAN PRESS CARRIED STORY CITING "FOREIGN NEWS AGENCIES" THAT THREE THOUSAND AFGHANS HAD BEEN KILLED IN AHWAZ AND OTHER

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THE LOCAL REPORT, WERE "FANATIC AND IDENTIFIED NARROW-MINDED GROUPS." THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT (DRA) REPORTEDLY SOUGHT AN EXPLANATION OF THESE REPORTS FROM THE IRANIAN CHARGE' HERE AND ALSO THROUGH THE AFGHAN CHARGE'S IN TEHRAN. THE DRA, THIS REPORT CONCLUDES, WAS "STRONGLY MOVED" UPON HEARING THIS "PROVOCATIVE NEWS (ABOUT) MISCHIEVOUS ACTION OF REACTIONARY CIRCLES" AND CONDEMNED ANY MOVE "THAT MAY UNDERMINE THE FRIENDSHIP OF THE PEOPLES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES."

3. (C) COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THIS AN OSTENSIBLY FANTASTIC STORY, IT IS BEING UTILIZED TO SUPPORT THE CURRENT AFGHAN MEDIA CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE CALL BY IRAN'S SECOND-RANKING MULLAH, AYATOLLAH SHARI' AT-MADARI, FOR SUPPORT OF AFGHAN DISSIDENTS AND ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT BY "FOUR THOUSAND IRANIAN TROOPS DISGUISED AS HERATIS" IN THE CURRENT FIGHTING AT HERAT.

4. (C) REQUEST: ANY LIGHT EMBASSY TEHRAN CAN THROW ON REPORTED VIOLENCE INVOLVING AFGHANS IN IRAN WOULD BE APPRECIATED.  
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